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Honda Accord





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PERENNIAL MID-PRICE PARAGON.



“A remarkable automobile from a remarkable automobile . . . company.”

That summary is from our January 1983 issue, when the Accord won a spot on our first 10Best Cars list. And it's clear, 27 years later, that the praise still applies.

It's equally clear that the Accord has evolved steadily to maintain its position as a mainstream pacesetter. From the compact sedan that won inaugural 10Best honors, the

Accord has gone through seven generations en route to today's coupe and sedan lineup, cars that are much bigger, much more refined, and much more powerful than their honorable ancestor. Indeed, in its makeover for the 2008 model year, the Accord sedan expanded to large-car status according to the EPA definition, which is based on a car's interior volume.

Bigger is better from a family point of view, and we're happy to

report that the increase in size hasn't diluted the crisp responses and exacting path accuracy that have always made Accords so satisfying to drive.

One proof of the Accord's ongoing excellence is that through all those generations of models over 34 years, Honda has never felt any need to abandon that brand name. Another proof: 23 10Best trophies in 27 years. Outstanding barely describes this achievement.

VEHICLE TYPE: front-engine, front-wheel-drive, 5-passenger, 4-door sedan or 2-door coupe

BASE PRICE: \$21,445-\$29,475

ENGINES: DOHC 16-valve 2.4-liter inline-4, 177 or 190 hp, 161 or 162 lb-ft; SOHC 24-valve 3.5-liter V-6, 271 hp, 251 or 254 lb-ft

TRANSMISSIONS: 5-speed auto, 5- or 6-speed manual

DIMENSIONS:

Wheelbase: 107.9-110.2 in

Length: 190.9-194.3 in **Width:** 72.7-72.8 in

Height: 56.4-58.1 in **Curb weight:** 3250-3600 lb

FUEL ECONOMY:

EPA city/highway driving 17-22/25-31 mpg

